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Changes to Proposed Closure Methods, BLM White River Oil Shale Mine, Re:

M/047/017 (UT-921), Uintah County, Utah

Down Dear Mr. Koza:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on design changes for the proposed closure of the White River Oil Shale Mine. The Division has no concerns or comments regarding the three change items as described in your March 2, 1995, letter to the Department of Environmental Quality. We believe these changes will not decrease the longevity or quality of the proposed shaft and portal closures. In fact the changes to the shaft closures appear to increase the durability and security of these closures.

If we can be of further assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me, or Wayne Hedberg of the Minerals Staff.

Sincerely,

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